



Cooking Gas Cylinder Subsidy Yojana

Why in News?

Recently, Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma announced that **Ujjwala gas cylinders will now be available at Rs 450** in the state from 1st January 2024.

Key Points

- The subsidy would be transferred into the account of the beneficiary women, who come under the [Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana \(PMUY\)](#) and those who hold the **Below Poverty Line (BPL) card**.
 - The scheme name is now changed from **Indira Gandhi Cylinder Subsidy Scheme to Cooking Gas Cylinder Subsidy Yojana**.
- The beneficiaries can avail the cheap cylinder by getting themselves registered at the **Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yojana**.

Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)

- The scheme was **launched on 1st May 2016** in Ballia, Uttar Pradesh by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- It was **introduced by Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MOPNG)**, as a flagship scheme **with an objective to make clean cooking fuel such as LPG available to the rural and deprived households** which were otherwise using traditional cooking fuels such as firewood, coal, cow-dung cakes etc.
 - **Usage of traditional cooking fuels had detrimental impacts** on the health of rural women as well as on the environment.

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